Each of these talks/round-table discussions will be about sixty minutes in length, and will be followed by a question and answer period. Speakers will use visual aids (artifacts, slides, photographs, films, etc.) whenever possible. Some of the speakers already scheduled are: (1) Kay and Oliver Shifler, who will speak on "Pioneer Carbondale," and will show slides of early vues of Carbondale; (2) Kurt A. Reed, of South Canaan, who will speak on Dorflinger glass and crystal; (3) John Buberniak and S. Robert Powell, who will speak on the D&H Gravity Railroad; (4) Robert J. Tomaine, who will speak on the Scranton Division of the Ontario & Western Railroad.

This series of talks/round-table discussions would be greatly enriched by a round-table discussion on the early schools of Carbondale and vicinity, and that is why I have written this letter to you. Will it be possible for you to participate in a round-table discussion on the early schools of Carbondale and vicinity at one or both of the following times:

Monday, August 23, 1982: 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 26, 1982: 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

The seven of you, as well as myself, and perhaps others, will be the principal members of this seminar. The general public will, of course, be encouraged to participate in the round-table discussion/seminar.

In order that I might establish a specific program of the educational and historical activities that the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall will sponsor during Carbondale's Pioneer Days 1982, I would appreciate it if you could let me know before the end of June whether or not you will be able to participate in this round-table discussion.

If you know any individuals who might be interested in participating in this round-table discussion on the early schools of Carbondale and vicinity, I would very much appreciate your sending me their names and addresses, so that I might invite them to participate in what I'm sure will be an extremely interesting seminar.

Sincerely yours,

S. Robert Powell